

whirlwind of wrath from Ruef's friends.

"The grossest injustice that could be committed against the other 3,300 men confined in our state prisons," says Governor Johnson, "would be to single out the one rich, powerful and conspicuous offender, and because of his riches and influence, grant him what is denied the humble and friendless prisoners.

"All prisoners must be treated exactly alike.

"As vigorously as I am able, I demand that when special privilege has been banished from every other state department it shall not be permitted, no matter what the power or threats, to creep into our penitentiaries.

"I insist," declared Johnson, "that Ruef shall be treated just like any ordinary prisoner, neither more harshly nor more leniently. At the time Ruef's plea was refused, 77 others were also denied parole. The prison board is denounced because it treated Ruef just like the other 77.

"To yield, because of fear, to the persuasion, cajolery or threats of a powerful prisoner, is to cause the iron to enter the soul of every obscure and friendless convict, and to make every one of the other 3,300 men in our penitentiaries know that even in prisons class distinctions prevail. It would but add to the hopelessness and bitterness of the men confined."

Governor Johnson helped prosecute Ruef and his fellow boodlers before assuming public office. When Special Prosecutor Francis J. Heney was shot down and seriously wounded in the courtroom during the famous graft trials, Hiram Johnson was selected to lead the prosecution.

That his connection with the Ruef case in any wise prejudices him against the influential parole seeker, however, Governor Johnson explicitly denies. With equal vigor he refutes the innuendo that the administration attitude toward Ruef is inspired by any anti-Jewish feeling, citing the

elevation to high office of many Jews under his tenure.

"Favoritism among prisoners shall not prevail; the friendless man shall have the same chance as the influential one in California's penitentiaries"—that is Governor Johnson's proclamation.

MERELY COMMENT

Another elevator accident, resulting in death, was added to the long list Monday.

It would seem that we have plenty of cause and effect.

Why wouldn't it be a good idea to get at the cure?

That "Look Where You Step" would be mighty good dope to apply to riding in elevators.

It would also be a mighty good idea for elevator operators to wait until ALL passengers are ALL the way in and the door ALL the way closed before starting the car.

It is to laugh! Some society people got caught in a raid on cafe.

Looks like they were judged by the company they kept.

Judging from the number of cases lately it looks like white slavery was a good share of the root of all evil.

BUSINESS GETTING BETTER

Employees of the Pullman Company at West Pullman, Ill., who lost their jobs when the force of 13,000 men was cut several months ago, are gradually being taken back.

Edward Butcher, head of the company employment bureau, said that the rehiring of old men has brought the force up to 10,000 and that other employees are being taken back at the rate of 30 a day.

In the past two weeks the Western Steel Car country in Hegewisch, Ill., has re-employed 1,500 men.

Very few trains are worn on evening dresses, except on gowns intended for smart occasions. Dancing frocks are very short.